

as political blackmail in the campaign.

Those are things the writer of the Daily Californian's post-election editorial might have had in mind in referring to "tactics (that) . . . were unfair and uncalled for."

Whatever seems ugly in April is likely to be twice as ugly in December, which is when the next semester's elections were held. Now SLATE posters were defaced with the swastika and hammer and sickle. Some were destroyed. Posters of a SLATE candidate with a Jewish name were smeared with the old Hitler slogan, "Juden Raus."

Other incidents cropped up — the seemingly organized hissing of SLATE candidates when they tried to speak in some residence halls, and in one instance a disturbance that prevented a candidate from speaking altogether.

Thus, to the presence of the ubiquitous "They" were added the barbs of hate and prejudice, and the clandestine forms of warfare, which synchronize with the central Rightist technique — intimidation.

THE HARGIS SHOW

In its public appeal to the campus the ultra-Right strives to create an image of intellectualism, literate, rational, conservative, but at times there is a curious chain. One such time was in September, 1961.

Tocsin carried an announcement: "Dr. Billy James Hargis will speak in . . . San Francisco, Sunday, Sept. 24 . . . on 'We Have Been Betrayed.' Dr. Hargis is the founder of the Christian Crusade organization, which sponsors nationwide anti-communist addresses on radio and television."

We pick up the thread in Hargis' own magazine, *Christian Crusade* (Jan.-Feb., 1962) via an article by a Willis A. Carto, who is described as "treasurer" of something called "Liberty Lobby."

"When the big Land Cruiser bus carrying Dr. Billy James Hargis . . . rolls into town, things usually start to happen," Carto wrote.

What happened this time was the organization at Hargis' San Francisco meeting of an anti-Communist youth group, which resolved to save San Francisco from Archie Brown ("One of the West Coast's most notorious Communists," said Carto), who was a candidate for the board of supervisors.

They picketed Brown's headquarters with signs reading "Brown Is Red," and "Go Back To Russia, Archie" (Brown's birthplace: Iowa).

"And now," Carto's account went on, "things took another significant turn. Archie Brown was evicted from his headquarters because of the picketing! (Which is not true).

THE STRATEGY

"Archie tried to capitalize on this, and moved his main headquarters to the Negro section of town. His strategy was now clear. He planned to add the Negro vote to the communist vote he would receive. This would be more than enough to make him the first outright Communist elected to office in America since World War II." (Carto's emphasis).

The bully boys mustered by Hargis, with an assist from Tocsin, foiled the plot with another picket line and a heckling sound truck. Brown fell some 65,000 votes short of election, and since it is unlikely that the "Communist vote" was dented, this must be the number of Negro voters snatched from Brown by the anti-Communist crusaders who were bold enough to assume the white man's burden and rescue the natives from their own innocence.

Billy James Hargis and his crowd walk on the wild side.

In his lurid tale of the Brown-Is-Red picketing, Carto related:

"Not one word appeared in the papers!

"At this time the amazing power of the communist conspiracy became evident, for it developed that certain persons had called on the papers and convinced them that no news of the picketing should be printed!"

Within the campus community the ultra-Right is less crude and its kingpin student organization, *Young Americans for Freedom*, certainly has the knack of breaking into the press. A study of YAF techniques reveals a great reliance on the blitz tactic designed to stun its opposition. YAF's war against a prime target, the Natl. Student Assn., a confederation of student governments, affords a case history of the blitz in action.

There have been two major engagements, the first occurring on March 29-31, 1961, in Washington at an NSA-sponsored conference on the Peace

Corps. The YAF objective, as stated by one of its adult mentors and publicists, M. Stanley Evans, in his book, "Revolt on the Campus," was to press for "measures to convert the Corps from a charitable society to an effective weapon against communism."



TENSIONS over House Un-American Activities Committee were dramatized in January, 1961, when pickets — pro and con — appeared in Washington. Among the pro pickets were these members of George Lincoln Rockwell's American Nazi party.

Ultra-Right on campus exploits fear and hate

By AL RICHMOND

BERKELEY — "They are watching you, you know."

The University of California student could not say exactly how many times he has been told that, but it has been often, he said, almost as often as he has taken an active part in some radical or liberal endeavor on the Berkeley campus.

Usually it has been said by well-intentioned people and sometimes they added, "They are taking down what you are saying."

THEY DO WATCH

After 16 years of the committee file and the security dossier, the ubiquitous "They" are very much part of campus life as "They" are of the national environment. You do not have to be able to pass the entrance requirements for the university to know that "They" are shadowy and "They" are real.

On the crudest level, Tocsin, the Berkeley anti-Communist

publication, serves to aggravate the "They" syndrome. Week after week, the committee file and the security dossier, covering fathers, mothers, sisters, brothers, wives, husbands, in-laws and assorted other kinfolk, reaching back 20 and 30 years, are spread in Tocsin's pages, a constant reminder that "They" do watch and do record.

Who can measure the effect of it? Who can doubt it is considerable?

Equally incalculable is the subtle influence of a publication upon the social climate. It is not mechanical cause and effect, but coincident with the birth of Students Associated Against Totalitarianism (SAAT), parent of Tocsin, a new note was injected into student elections.

GETTING NASTY

About a month after SAAT's formation in March, 1961, the spring elections were held for student government — the executive committee of the As-

sociated Students of the University of California (ASUC).

Principal candidates for the presidency in a field of five were Brian Van Camp, (who won in the runoff, 3,593 to 2,864) and Mike Tigar (who led in the primaries with 1,588 votes to Van Camp's second-place 1,168).

Tigar was the candidate of SLATE, the liberal-radical coalition student party, and he was the target of what subsequently was described in a Daily Californian editorial as "the most vicious smear campaign in ASUC history."

One poster proclaimed: "Brian Van Camp — America for Americans." Another, in a residence hall, read: "Send Tigar to Havana; Van Camp for ASUC."

In less formalized campaign channels, the talk was of "image." The university's image. This image, it was said, would be irreparably damaged if a SLATE man were elected.

WORSE CASE

That sanctified symbol of American education, "The Little Red Schoolhouse," was dragged in — is this the nickname you want for Cal? The State Senate Un-American Activities Committee was exhibiting a conspicuous interest in the university at this time, and this threat was employed

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